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Much attention has been directed in recent weeks to the college campus battle between the New Left, spearheaded by the SDS, and the various Reserve Officer Training programs. It appears that the anti-ROTC protests which constitute a major objective in the winter-spring SDS disrupt and destroy plan has experienced marked success on several major campuses. Total elimination, of course, is the goal, in order to deny the establishment the reservoir of officer material needed to prosecute the "imperialistic" "aggressive" war in Vietnam. The radicals often reject the thesis that their fellow students may wish to prepare for a career in the military service. The concept of "Participatory Democracy" degenerates at the hand of the caveator and becomes participation as long as radical forces approve. Since crippling the military-industrial machine is that which is sought, and ROTC is the antithesis of contemporary anarchy, the rights and privileges of the individual must be suspended to enhance the probability of successfully destroying existing social structures. In traditional anarchistic philosophy, and obviously perceptible on the current college scene, is the proposition that the radical has the right, if not the duty, to force and enforce his non-program, which he knows to be for the greater good and hence correct, on the unenlightened masses.

In recent weeks twenty-nine independent college newspapers ran an identical editorial demanding the abolition of ROTC from all campuses. This move, with reasonable certainty can be attributed to an organized effort from the New Left and by and large succeeded more in discrediting college editors than in abolishing ROTC. At last count, 353 colleges had ROTC units and 335 more have applied to the Defense Department for units. The campaign against ROTC presently being staged by the SDS is intemperate and inconsistent and cannot be defended within the definition of "Participatory Democracy."

Winter-spring efforts seem to be losing New Left identity, (as much associated with life style, and freedom of expression, as with politics) and instead is donning the old left mantle. The infiltration impact of SDS by organized old leftists of various stripe is clearly present and

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can be expected to continue until the old left strategists with the greatest cunning and radical appeal (best guess - PLP) take over SDS and reform it to fit the specific needs of a confessional political force.

At its convention the second week in April, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union called for a "massive new popular anti-war protest of which labor must be a part." The ILWU, said the resolution, "must take a leading part in such a drive." The ILWU has been headed for years by the leftist labor boss, Harry BRIDGES.

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Student demonstrations, disruptions, and destruction of property continue in many school districts in the New York area. Racial tension is high at a number of integrated facilities.

The current issue of The New York High School Free Press, an underground publication aimed at causing dissension, disruption, and radicalization of youth at high school and junior high school levels, calls for a "spring offensive" by students. It declares: "From April 21 to May 19 is our month. The streets, the schools, the communities are all ours, we're going to take them back."

According to the Guardian, twenty-six poets launched a tour of the nation's campuses April 23 supporting draft resistance work. Among the participants in the readings, coordinated by RESIST, are: Robert BLY, Allen GINSBERG, Robert CREELEY, Lawrence FERLINGHETTI, Kenneth REXROTH, Galway KINNELL, Gary SNYDER, and Ed SANDERS. They will hit Portland, Santa Barbara, Iowa City, Minneapolis, Chicago, Boulder, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, finishing up in Milwaukee, May 3.

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James RESTON of the New York Times ran a short column on 18 April, titled: "The Cliches of the Radical Students." The intent is largely to ridicule these pseudo-intellectual young activists but, interestingly enough, although, ridicule it does, the cliches RESTON uses are recited in just about the fashion one could expect in dialogue with the "nouveau left."

Q—The meeting of the RRS (Revolutionaries for a Radical Society) will now come to order, if I may use that word. What is the matter with our universities today?

A—They are irrelevant, arrogant and unresponsive.

Q—Precisely. And what is missing?

A—Meaningful interpersonal relationships.

Q—Very good. Now in dealing with irrelevant, arrogant and unresponsive universities where there is no meaningful interpersonal relationships, what happens?

A—A lack of communications.

Q—Leading to?

A—Separation and alienation of the individual.

Q—What is the remedy for this?

A—A dialogue.

Q—Of course, but what kind of dialogue?

A—A meaningful dialogue between people under thirty.

Q—How can this be achieved?

A—By radicalizing the mod-

ERATES in the student body through the process of participatory democracy.

Q—Who participates in participatory democracy?

A—Everybody participates in participatory democracy: it is the tribune of the people, the foe of the imperialist machine, the scourge of the military-industrial complex, the enemy of...

Q—Wait a minute! You are confusing our clichés. Try again: Who participates in participatory democracy? Now be careful:—

A—We do. The majority must be manipulated for its own good and, we know what that is.

Q—That's better. Now, suppose the moderates just go on dating, studying and attending classes, what do we do?

A—We force them to pay attention. We have a confrontation with the Establishment.

Q—How do we do it?

A—We occupy and liberate a university building. We evacuate the deans, and capture and Xerox the files, and publish carefully selected documents

thereof, and wait for the cops.

Q—So?

A—So the cops arrive and crack a few skulls and clear the joint, and then we're in business. The moderates wake up and are appalled and come over to our side, and the press comes running and dramatizes the confrontation.

Q—Good. You are getting the point. Please define and explain the press.

A—It is a capitalist tool, the agent of the ruling class, the voice of the Establishment, but it is useful.

Q—Please explain.

A—It dramatizes the confrontation. We feed its hunger for excitement and conflict. We hate its objectivity but we can use it.

Q—How so?

A—It nationalizes our struggle. It escalates the confrontation. It mobilizes the student power and black power and it divides and confuses the faculty.

Q—How so?

A—The faculty seldom likes the administration of the university, or the students, and it hates to choose between them;

but it loves to argue about the decision-making process, and while the faculty members argue, we can shut the place down.

Q—And then?

A—We have a meaningful dialogue, and meaningful interpersonal relationships, and a confrontation with the incompetent and illegitimate power-holders and the Establishment press.

Q—And after that?

A—We put forward our demands.

Q—How do we at RRS describe our demands?

A—They are non-negotiable.

Q—What do we mean by that?

A—We don't want a negative peace, we want a positive peace. We want what we want, and to the wall with the opposition, and amnesty for our warriors. The Establishment is wrecking the university, but we will inherit the wreckage.

Q—And what will we do when we inherit it?

A—We'll think about that later.

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Askerisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- 23-28 April Los Angeles - Reportedly the NPP will hold a National meeting in Los Angeles to discuss the "movement" the party is going through. Jerry RUBIN and Abbie HOFFMAN, Yippie leaders, are scheduled to speak.
- 24-27 April Peoria, Illinois - A black cultural week is scheduled to be held at Bradley University.
- 24-27 April Washington, D.C. - A national conference on the "Human Rights of the Man in Uniform" is apparently being planned for the Sheraton Park Hotel by the American Veterans Committee, 1353 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
- 25-26 April Philadelphia, Pa. - The Second Philadelphia Area Radicals Conference will be held in the Fine arts buildings of the University of Pennsylvania.
- 24-27 April Talladega, Alabama - The Black Student Association of Talladega College reportedly will sponsor a "Black Alabama Conference" with the theme "Black Students: a Magnetic Force in the Black Revolution." Participants reportedly will include Reverend James BEVEL, Andrew YOUNG, and Jesse JACKSON of SCLC; Kathleen CLEAVER, Hosea WILLIAMS, and Ron KAREMA (UC). Talladega has been the scene recently of black-white incidents including rock throwing and arson.
- 26 April Norfolk, Va. - The Black Liberation Action Council and The Campus Americans for Democratic Action are reportedly planning to demonstrate when Patricia NIXON, the daughter of the President, is crowned Queen of the Azalea Festival. The ostensible purpose for the demonstration will be to demand an increase in welfare checks, but the real reason will be to disrupt the festival.
- 26 April Denver, Colorado - "The largest peace demonstration in Colorado history" reportedly will be held at the Federal

Building on 26 April. The demonstration is to be sponsored by the SDS and other anti-war organizations. Rebbly SEALE, Black Panther Party Member, and Tom HAYDEN, SDS member, are scheduled speakers.

26 April.

*St. Leo, Fla. - A group of SDS advocates from the University of Florida plans to demonstrate at St. Leo College when Secretary of Defense Melvin LAIRD delivers a commencement address. Jim FINE, leader of the University of Florida SDS, was in St. Leo on 21 April, making plans for the demonstration.

26 April

*Boston, Mass. - The Northeastern University Chapter of SDS will sponsor a parade beginning at approximately 1300 hrs. The parade is scheduled to begin at three different locations in the city and end at the Boston Common, where a rally may be held. Approximately 1,000 persons are expected to participate.

26 April

Hartford, Conn. - The newly formed Capitol Area Action Movement and the American Friends Service Committee will stage an anti-war protest rally in Bushnell Park against the continuance of the Vietnam War and the present Draft System. Some of the speakers will be: Russell JOHNSON, Peace Secretary of the AFCC, who has visited North and South Vietnam on several occasions; and Arthur and Catherine HEWLETT, a former Maryknoll Priest and Nun, who were expelled from Guatemala in 1967 after advocating land reform and have been involved in a number of protest incidents.

27 April

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - The Pittsburgh Spring Action Committee, a recently formed group at the University of Pittsburgh, plans to stage a faculty walkout at commencement ceremonies during an address by Henry KISSINGER, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

28 April

*Mount Pleasant, Mich. - The SDS is tentatively planning to conduct a demonstration at Central Michigan University against racism and to encourage the abolishment of ROTC on campus. There are indications that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and / or The American Legion may be planning to counter demonstrate against the planned SDS rally.

29 April

Washington, D.C. - In his Memphis speech at Martin Luther KING, Jr., Memorial Services, 6 April, Rev. Ralph David ABERNATHY said that he would assemble civil rights leaders in Washington on 29 April to begin an assault on Government indifference. No further details.

30 April -
4 May

New York City - The C.P., U.S.A.'s 19th National Convention is to be held from April 30 to May 4, 1969.

A call issued for the Convention hailed "the growing radicalization of Black Americans, of workers, of students, and the youth."

May-June

*Boston, Mass. and Philadelphia, Pa. - It has recently been reported that SDS members at Harvard and Boston Universities had met with members of the Iron Cross Motorcycle Club at Boston to learn to make Molotov cocktails and bombs. Some bombs and cocktails were made and SDS was supposed to be considering exploding them at historical sites in Boston and Philadelphia during May and June. This allegation seemed a bit fantastic but a similar plot had been hatched last year by colored militants and arrests made.

However, explosives were seized in a raid on a West Philadelphia apartment on 9 April and have been linked to the plot to blow up historic Philadelphia monuments. Among the four persons arrested in the apartment was the Chairman of the SDS Labor Committee. Although a police informant had indicated that the explosives to be used in the plot were present in the raided apartment, no direct link to the alleged plot has been revealed.

1 May

*It was recently announced that all IFF's will hold rallies to urge the release on bond from prison of IFF leader Huey NEWTON. Instructions from IFF National Headquarters instructed all chapters and branches to demonstrate at Federal buildings. NEWTON's conviction in connection with the death of an Oakland, California police officer has an appeal pending. Allegedly, Bobby SEALF, IFF National Chairman, has instructed an individual in Stockholm, Sweden to organize demonstrations at American Embassies on the same date.

1 May

New York City - Traditionally, the Communists celebrate May Day as an International Working Class Holiday. A May Day planning conference was held in New York City, 16 April, under the auspices of the New York Committee for May Day 1969. An appeal was made in the Daily World to trade unionists, rank and filers, young workers, students, Black Liberation and Peace Activists to attend the conference - "For People's Power Against Corporation Power."

1 May

Kent, Ohio - SDS at Kent State University plans to call for a campus strike in an effort to force ROTC from the Campus.

2-3 May

Detroit, Michigan - Black lawyers in the Detroit area, sharply criticizing racism in the legal profession, have announced a conference on "Law and Race." Among the joint sponsors of the conference is the Detroit chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

7-12 May

Berlin, Saskatchewan - The North American Conference of Anti-Imperialist Youth is scheduled for the second week in May. May 8 and 9 are programmed for reports of revolutionary struggles in Quebec, Ireland, Canada, England, and the United States.

26 May

Hempfle, Tennessee - Motion by James Earl RAY for a new trial in the murder of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be heard by Judge Arthur C. FAYEN, Jr.

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27 April

*Washington, D.C. - The Bohemian Friends Meeting is sponsoring a demonstration at The White House to protest the war in Vietnam.

29 April

*Lawrence, Kansas - SDS has been sponsoring anti-military demonstrations at the University of Kansas this week. It plans a mock military exercise during an ROTC drill on the 29th.

30 April -
4 May

*Bloomington, Indiana - The Young Socialist Alliance and The Indiana University Committee to End the War in Vietnam are attempting to promote an "anti-militarism week."

30 May

*Ft. Sill, Oklahoma - SDS and the Committee to End the War in Vietnam plan to demonstrate at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma on Armed Forces Day to protest the wasted money in holding an Armed Forces Day.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.